

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently of record with the attached new Abstract of the Disclosure.

In a radio access network in which a radio network controller is subjected to load distribution by a plurality of controllers, one of the controllers is set as a page controller that processes a paging message transmitted from a core network to the radio access network. When the paging control apparatus receives the paging message transmitted from the core network to the radio access network, the paging control apparatus judges a transmission destination of the paging message and transmits the paging message to the controllers that control a base station at the transmission destination.